

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONNECTIONLESS/CONNECTION
ORIENTED SIGNAL TRANSPORT

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method of communicating connectionless and
connection oriented signals using at least one common
network element includes receiving connectionless and
connection oriented signals from a plurality of source
peripheral network elements and determining a signaling
type associated with each signal, the signaling type
comprising connectionless signaling or connection oriented
signaling. The method further includes appending a
10 transport label to each signal, each transport label
comprising an indication of the signal's signaling type,
and communicating the signals and appended transport labels
toward destination peripheral network elements according to
signaling procedures associated with each signal's
15 signaling type.